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1. On 8 October 1951, the majority of the unit with numerical designation 175 left the Templin (N 54/U 81) training area, allegedly for field exercises on the Elbe River. A smaller part of the unit went to Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14), taking along billeting equipment and materiel. German employees of the unit were sent to Prenzlau on 10 October to clean and furnish the vacant Artillerie Kaserne there. (1)

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2. On 12 October, a telephone line along the Finow-Biesenthal (N 53/V 08) road was removed by a unit of 2 officers and about 20 EM. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] on 12 October, a councilman from Koenigswusterhausen went from house to house in the town sector on the road to Zeesen and told the residents that they would soon have to vacate their houses because troops from Frankfurt/Oder would allegedly be moved to Koenigswusterhausen.

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4. On 13 October, a convoy was seen driving along Roganerstrasse, Schwerin (N 54/T 46), toward Goerries airfield. It consisted of 12 prime movers, [REDACTED] towing 12x100-mm AT guns, and 16 trucks, [REDACTED] which were occupied by about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and towed 2 field kitchens. (3) The engineer unit stationed at the airfield had not returned to its quarters by 13 October. The previously reported radio stations were still there. [REDACTED]

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5. A troop train which stood at the Oranienburg railroad station on 13 October, headed toward Berlin, consisted of 10 boxcars with troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 canvas-covered armored personnel carriers, 10 artillery pieces, 1 jeep and about 20 trucks. [REDACTED]

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6. On 16 October, not less than 100 unarmed NCOs and EM, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and motor transport insignia, and carried baggage and suitcases, were seen driving to the Doberitz railroad station from the direction of Doberitz on trucks. [REDACTED] The troops boarded a westbound train. (6)

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7. An advance party of 18 officers and 120 EM, riding on trucks [redacted] arrived at the Flak Kaserne at Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23) on 17 October. (7) 25X1
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8. On 19 October at 11 a.m., a convoy of about 35 vehicles with troops was seen driving along the road from Kyritz toward Wusterhausen. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Another column of about 40 vehicles carrying about 600 troops and towing 15x122-mm howitzers was seen moving in the same direction at about 5 p.m. It included jeep trucks [redacted] with howitzers; and trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] About 125 vehicles assembled on the Gantikow-Kyritz road at 9 a.m. on 20 October. About 1,500 troops, 7 small amphibious cars, about 10x122-mm howitzers and 15 to 20x160-mm howitzers were observed with the vehicles. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] with mortars; 25X1
field kitchens [redacted] amphibious vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The vehicles departed toward Kyritz-Wusterhausen at 11 a.m. (8) 25X1
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- B-3 9. On 23 October, from 10 to 20 boxcars with troops, an undetermined number of light armored scout cars and about 15 vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were loaded on a train at Neuholdensleben (N 53/Y 51). 25X1
(9) Another train was loaded with 35 boxcars with troops and 35 trucks on the same day.

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- [redacted] Comments. 25X1
- (1) The numerical designation 175 confirms the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div until 8 October 1951.
 - (2) The trucks belong to an unidentified series of a signal unit which has previously also appeared in Potsdam and Eberswalde.
 - (3) An AT artillery convoy of the 18th Mecz Div.
 - (4) [redacted] supplied similar information at the end of September 1951. 25X1
 - (5) The train, which carried a component of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army, was previously reported [redacted] 25X1
It was allegedly being unloaded.
 - (6) Probably discharges of the 1st Mecz Div. A trainload of discharges was seen [redacted] leaving the Soviet Zone of Germany toward the east on 18 October 1951. [redacted] 25X1
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 - (7) An advance party of an MGB unit from Halle. [redacted] an unidentified number of soldiers with green epaulets in the Pioneer Kaserne on 13 October 1951. 25X1
 - (8) The convoy observed at 11 a.m. belongs to the 25th Tank Div, and confirms to some extent the information contained in paragraph 1 of the present report. [redacted] the column observed in the afternoon of the same day is believed to belong to the 14th (?) Gun Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army, while most of the vehicles assembling on 20 October 1951 belonged to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and some to the 18th Mecz Div and headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. It remains to be seen whether the movements of motor vehicles, which included no armored vehicles, may have been preparatory to large-scale maneuvers despite previous information indicating that maneuvers planned in the Soviet Zone of Germany after mid-October 1951 were canceled at short notice. 25X1
 - (9) A component of the 10th Gds Tank Division.
 - (10) [redacted]

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